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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I believe that the proposed settlement between the Justice Department and Microsoft does far too little to make retribution for the practices of Microsoft. In fact, I believe that the settlement is just a minor slap on the wrist for Microsoft and that more needs to be done to ensure that it's business practices and strong-arming techniques do not occur again. The settlement does not address leveling the playing ground with it's competitors as much as it speaks of Microsoft "giving back" to the community(country). In fact, this "giving back" will just serve to further Microsoft's monopoly by putting more Microsoft products on people's machines. We (the community at large) need to see that this settlement will encourage competition and force Microsoft yield to competition. Perhaps, that could mean releasing source code to some of their more common protocols or maybe even forcing them to release their older software, such as Windows 3.1 or MS-DOS, into the public domain. I would just like to see more intense reprimands.

Thank you,

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